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ScaleUp America
Office of Grants Management
409 3rd Street SW, Suite 5000
Washington, DC 20146

RE: ScaleUp America Program, Solicitation Number: SBAHQ-14-R-0017.

Dear ScaleUp America Selection Committee,

I encourage you to give full and fair consideration for Startup Tucson for the ScaleUp America Program and their request for grant funding.

It has been my pleasure to participate in several Startup Tucson events, as they are an active member of the community and are creating tremendous excitement around entrepreneurial ventures in Tucson and Southern Arizona.

As a member of the House Committee on Small Business, and a former small business owner, I know that growing an entrepreneurial community in Tucson is critical to improving the opportunities for talented professionals to remain in the region.

Startup Tucson recognizes that talent seeks opportunity, entrepreneurs transform opportunities into jobs, and jobs follow talent. This new “grow our own” economic development approach is key to transforming our region’s economy. Tucson needs organizations like Startup Tucson to help companies grow and innovate.

Through grant funding, Startup Tucson will help foster and create jobs in Southern Arizona, and this effort has my full support.

Sincerely yours,

Ron Barber
Member of Congress